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## **School Bus Safety Week October 19-23, 2009**

The National School Transportation Association (NSTA) and the National Association for Pupil Transportation (NAPT) are promoting **School Bus Safety Week, October 19-23, 2009**. School districts are encouraged to plan special events highlighting school bus safety. Almost 60,000 students ride a school bus to and from school each day in Montana. There are about 2,800 school buses that travel over 18 million miles per school year on school bus routes in Montana. As a nation, approximately 22.5 million, or 54% of all K-12 students ride school buses to and from school.

Contact your district's pupil transportation director and plan educational activities to teach pupils, parents and motorists about school bus safety. For additional information visit some of the web sites listed below.

Encourage teachers and students to take part in the annual National School Bus Safety Week poster contest. Young artists get a chance to win prizes and have their posters entered in the national contest! Poster contest rules and entry information are enclosed for your convenience.

### School Bus Safety Web Sites Especially for Kids

**These are some great web sites that are made just for children!  
They are very colorful, interactive and easy to use!**

<http://www.napt.org>

National Association for Pupil Transportation

<http://www.ncbussafety.org>

School Bus Safety Web - North Carolina

(Teacher's Area and Classroom Exercises)

<http://flhsmv.gov/safetytips/schoolbussafety.htm>

Florida's School Bus Safety for Kids Only

**The 2009 Theme is: "Cross in View, it's the Right Thing to Do!"**

**The 2010 Theme is: "Be Aware – Know the Danger Zone!"**

**The 2011 Theme is: "I See the Driver – The Driver Sees Me!"**

**The 2012 Theme is: "Stand Back from the Yellow and Black"**

**The 2013 Theme is: "At my Stop – You Stop!"**

**The 2014 Theme is: "Be Smart – Be Seen, I wait in a safe place!"**

Please mail entries for the state contest by October 1, 2009 to:

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